

PHOTODISC

Summer discount available on homeowners' sewer bills

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The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is taking applications for its summer sprinkling program, which gives customers who water outside a discount on sewer bills.

Because sewer bills are based on water consumption, the summer sprinkling program was designed to address increased water use during the summer months, which is generally attributed to lawn sprinkling and other seasonal uses. Most of this additional water does not return to the sewer system.

Under the program, summer residential sewer bills are based on either average winter water consumption, or actual summer water consumption, whichever is lower. The program runs through Sept. 30. The discount does not apply to your water bill.

To receive the sewer district's summer sprinking program discount, you must own and live in the home. One-, two-, three- and four-family residences qualify.

You can fill out an application online at http://www.neorsd.org/summer or by calling the sewer district at 216-881-8247. There is no fee to participate. There also is no deadline for applications. Homeowners who participated last year do not need to reapply, but a new application is required if you move.

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